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SUBJECT: AMB. NGONDA'S CALL ON ASST. SECY. MOOSE

1. ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR NGONDA CALLED ON ASST. SECY. MOOSE
EARLY AFTERNOON DEC. 6 TO DELIVER AMPLIFICATION AND EX-
PLANATION OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS.

2. NGONDA STRESSED SEVERAL TIMES THAT WHILE ZAMBIA WAS
DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM THE ANGLO-US INITIATIVE, IT
WAS IN NO SENSE REJECTING OUR EFFORTS. BUT MISINTER-
PRETATION OF THE ZAMBIAN POSITION, ESPECIALLY IN THE
BRITISH PRESS, HAD LED TO CHARGES THAT ZAMBIA WAS OBSTRUCT-
ING THE PATH TO EARLY INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE. RATHER
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THAN CONTINUE VULNERABLE TO SUCH ATTACKS, ZAMBIA WAS
STEPPING BACK.

3. NGONDA ADDED THAT FOR THE TIME BEING ZAMBIA WOULD CON-
CENTRATE ON SUPPORTING THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED
STRUGGLE, WHICH WOULD HELP TO CONVINCE IAN SMITH THAT
THE ANGLO-US PROPOSALS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A BASIS FOR

SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. ZAMBIA, IN DOING SO, WAS REALLY HELPING THE ANGLO-US INITIATIVE, HE SAID.

4. NGONDA ALSO PRESSED FOR RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT CARTER RECEIVE MARK CHONA. HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE "PERSONAL AND PRIVATE" MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM KAUNDA HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH RHODESIA, SOUTHERN AFRICA, OR THE USUAL RUN OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. MOOSE PROMISED THAT WE WERE WORKING URGENTLY TO SECURE THE REQUESTED MEETING.

5. MOOSE RESPONDED TO NGONDA'S PRESENTATION BY REVIEWING THE CURRENT STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE US POSITION. HE PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED US RESPECT FOR KAUNDA, APPRECIATION OF HIS SINCERE CONCERN ABOUT THE RISKS INHERENT IN EARLY ELECTIONS, AND REGRET AT KAUNDA'S STATED INABILITY TO CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE ANGLO-US INITIATIVES. MOOSE REITERATED US DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE ON COURSE. CHRISTOPHER

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